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Attached a draft TWSC Workplan 2019-2022 (WP) based on discussions in CWSS and the TWSC Review (Core) Group and supplemented by products/deliverables that were extracted from the draft workplan that CWSS developed in the fall of last year.

This first draft WP to WSB is envisaged to be processed further before WSB 29 in June by inviting the corresponding trilateral groups to contribute, with the aim of creating a potentially more comprehensive WP. However, an applicable product would need a precisely formulated level of detail of the contributions. The focus lies on 1) activities/tasks which are derived from the Leeuwarden Declaration or 2) are additional activities/products on top of the basic tasks of the TWSC/CWSS.

TWSC Review Core Group considers the 2019-2022 Workplan as a rolling document that will be updated for each coming year in connection with the Supplementary Budget (SB) exercises. In that context, CWSS will deliver an annual plan, which will reflect the deliverables outlined in the 2019-2022 WP for the given year. Based on this, Parties will establish their priorities list in line with the format developed by the Core Group (WSB 28/7.1/4), whereupon CWSS will adapt its annual WP, the SB and the 2019-2022 WP accordingly. This can entail shifting activities envisioned for a given year to a later year. This procedure will ensure consistency and clarity in planning and documentation while also limiting administrative effort.

Proposal: The WSB is requested to provide guidance on the approach and the level of detail needed in order to elaborate a product that serves the intentions mentioned above.

Explanatory Note for the table be below:

The colours are indicating the current status of the particular resources (staff/funding) available to fulfil the tasks:

Green: Resources agreed and available

Yellow: Resources partly agreed or envisaged

Red: Resources not yet resolved

DRAFT TWSC WORKPLAN 2019-22 ELABORATED DURING THE REVIEW PROCESS

Leuwarden Declaration	Activities / Deliverables 2019	Activities / Deliverables 2020	Activities / Deliverables 2021	Activities / Deliverables 2022	TGC relevance
1. Develop trilateral Wadden Sea World Heritage partnership schemes	Transnational analysis of existing partnership programmes				
	Establish, adapt or extend existing partnership programmes				
	Develop Framework of a transnational partnership scheme				
2. Further develop the Partnership Hub as a part of the future Partnership Centre together with the envisaged partner organisations and in partner networks across the Wadden Sea Region (...) and conduct a pilot phase to be concluded by an evaluation in 2019	Conclusion of at least two Partnership Agreement	Development of the Partnership Hub	Mid-term Evaluation	At least five long-term Partnership Agreements in place	X
	Finalization of evaluation of pilot phase				
3. Develop a single integrated management plan for the entire transboundary World Heritage property	Selection key priority issues	Development draft SIMP	Draft SIMP: consultation phase and pilot implementation	Adoption Final SIMP and submission to UNESCO	X
4. Oversee the implementation of the Sustainable Tourism Strategy, including by updating and implementing the related action plan	STS Action Plan	Joint WH Marketing approach	Brochure on added values of sustainable tourism	Final Action Plan	
	Analysis of market trends				

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	Concept transnational visitor survey	Transnational visitor survey			
5. Continue and further consolidate the work on the Flyway Vision in the framework of the Wadden Sea Flyway Initiative with the relevant governmental and non-governmental organisations and extend the cooperation in the context of the Wadden Sea Flyway Initiative, especially with regard to the Arctic, continue monitoring along the entire flyway, continue specific capacity building and increase the activation of partners	Integral Flyway Assessment Report 2017				
	Arctic Cooperation	Arctic Cooperation	Arctic Cooperation	Arctic Cooperation	
	Monitoring key-sites along Flyway	Monitoring key-sites along Flyway	Total count Monitoring (30 states)	Integral Flyway assessment report	
	Capacity Building Project	Capacity Building Project	Capacity Building Project	Capacity Building Project	
				Monitoring of key-sites	
6. Enhance the awareness of the young generation of the Wadden Sea Region as a shared heritage through the development of appropriate educational activities and material			Youth Conference		X
7. Support the work of the International Wadden Sea School and the related network of people and visitor centres active in environmental education, taking into account the results of the recent evaluation process	IWSS	IWSS	IWSS	IWSS	
	Trilateral Education Work Programme				
9. Efficiently implement the Wadden Sea World Heritage Strategy (2014 - 2020) in close cooperation with relevant partners	Roadmap	Update of WH Strategy		Update SoC Report	
10. Continue cooperation with the UNESCO World Heritage Marine and Sustainable	Marine litter report				

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Tourism Programmes within a framework of defined targets	Pilot project for a Visitor Management Assessment Tool	Pilot project for a Visitor Management Assessment Tool			
	ITB	ITB	ITB	ITB	
11. Review the Trilateral Communications Strategy and to prepare a communications programme for the period from 2018 – 2022	Review + Programme	Review + Programme			
	Social media Strategy				
	New WH website (Creation and Launch)				
	10 years WH anniversary activities (i.a. bicycle tour and event in WHV)				
12. Oversee the further implementation of the Action Plan for Breeding Birds and support an exchange of experiences of national and regional activities, including a potential further development, and undertake an evaluation in time for the next Trilateral Governmental Conference	Guidelines on predation management (EG-MB/BB)	Management guidelines on habitat restauration	Evaluation and update of BB Action Plan	Adoption of update of BB Action Plan	X
	Breeding bird trend report		Breeding bird monitoring guidelines (update)		
	Work programme 2019-22		Breeding bird trend report		
			Workshop on protection of habitats and zoning rules; management guidelines		

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	Joint workshop EG BB and EG SMD on natural habitat restoration				
13. Further develop and contribute to implementing the SWIMWAY Vision as an integrated approach to achieving the Trilateral Fish Targets by investigating, monitoring, managing and communicating topics concerning the ecology of fish of the Wadden Sea Area	Fish Conference	First projects			
	ToR and work programme for EG Fish	Installation EG Fish			
14. Work intensively on cooperation at the operational management level and secure adequate wardening and management across the whole Wadden Sea Area	Management Workshop		Management Workshop		
	Wardening Workshop		Wardening Workshop		
15. Reaffirm the rules on taking and releasing of seals in accordance with Article IV of the Agreement on the Conservation of Seals in the Wadden Sea and adopt the updated Seal Management Plan 2018-2022, which also takes into account the management of grey seals			SMP evaluation and update	Adoption of updated SMP	X
16. duly take account of the fact that harbour porpoises are present in the Wadden Sea	Harbour porpoise Workshop				
17. Undertake further steps towards a Trilateral Management and Action Plan Alien Species (MAPAS), which should include relevant steps for public awareness and	Adoption Final MAPAS	Platform Alien Species			

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cooperation on early warning and measures, integrating a related monitoring programme, based on the national data underpinning the Trilateral Assessment and Monitoring Programme, including the installation of the network platform at the Common Wadden Sea Secretariat	ToR and Workplan for EG Alien Species	Installation of EG AS			
	Further development Communication Plan	Adoption of Communication Plan			
18. Oversee the further implementation of the Trilateral Monitoring and Assessment Programme Strategy	TMAP review and workplan 2019-2022	TMAP Review	TMAP Strategy Proposal & Handbook	Adoption of updated TMAP Strategy	X
	Work programme 2019-2022				
	Workshop on TMAP-relevant issues (update of parameters)	Workshop on TMAP-relevant issues	Workshop on TMAP-relevant issues	Workshop on TMAP-relevant issues	
19. Increase the value of the Trilateral Monitoring and Assessment Programme to users and to a wider range of stakeholders, including the TGs, WGs, EGs: availability of data and presentation of information resulting from those data	Workshop on trilateral data strategy	Trilateral data strategy	Proposal for presentation and access options of TMAP products (also with regard to QSR)	TMAP user interface	X
20. Produce updates of the online Wadden Sea Quality Status Report and deliver a comprehensive synthesis report in time for the next Trilateral Governmental Conference	QSR Synthesis (2018)		QSR Synthesis (2021)		X
	QSR Thematic Reports updates	QSR Thematic Reports updates			
21. Further develop steps for the sustainability of fisheries in the Wadden Sea Area on the trilateral level, in close cooperation with				SIMP chapter on sustainable fisheries	

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responsible authorities and relevant stakeholders and initiatives (e.g. certification procedures), within the Framework for Sustainable Fisheries, taking into account both the importance of the ecosystem service of providing regional sea food in this respect and the integrity of the World Heritage Site					
22. Substantially reduce the amount of marine litter in the Wadden Sea by the year 2030					
23. Make use of all relevant existing monitoring and action programmes, as well as existing action plans, to gain and exchange adequate additional knowledge on sources and impacts of marine litter on the Wadden Sea ecosystem and stimulate and support appropriate measures					
24. Stimulate initiatives to reduce light emissions, such as measures to avoid unnecessary lighting, the exchange of best practices, technological innovations or monitoring, whilst CWSS:ensuring safety standards prescribed by pertinent legislation		Consideration within PHub development (to be checked)			
25. Support the global and national efforts to mitigate climate change at the regional level					
26. Develop and support promising initiatives for climate change mitigation taken at the local and regional levels by authorities, organisations, companies and inhabitants, inter alia by exchanging information and best practices, linking various initiatives and		Consideration within PHub Development (to be checked)			

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stimulating pilot projects, including the CO2 reduction ambition of the Wadden Sea Region					
27. Continue implementing the Trilateral Climate Change Adaptation Strategy and update the priorities contained therein where needed	Climate Vulnerability Index (CVI)				
28. Determine together with scientific partners which investigations are needed to better understand the impacts of climate change on the Wadden Sea ecosystem, for example on primary production and alien species, and to be prepared to enhance the level of adequate management to safeguard the Outstanding Universal Value of the Wadden Sea	Updated list of actions (CCAS)				
29. Review and monitor the impacts of renewable energy production and energy transportation on the Wadden Sea ecosystem and consider measures to avoid or mitigate possible negative impacts by looking for best environmental practices also with the aim of developing, for example, related common principles to evaluate the impact of high-voltage power cables in the Wadden Sea Area in close consultation with the responsible bodies and stakeholders					
31. Consider the different approaches of the three countries in order to identify the most sustainable modes of transport for ensuring nature-friendly site-specific connections to the islands in the future		Consideration within PHub Development (to be checked)			

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36. continue to strengthen its cooperation with the scientific community by installing a trilateral programming committee in order to establish a joint programme on research issues relevant to the Wadden Sea World Heritage, taking into account the Trilateral Research Agenda and encourage the scientific community to develop a trilateral research platform and to promote pilot studies on nature restoration	Installation of TRA Programme Committee			Science & Research projects reflecting the four thematic lines of the TRA	X
42. Review, in time for the next Trilateral Governmental conference, the progress made on the items described in the Declaration			Policy Assessment Report (PAR)		X
43. Hold the next Trilateral Governmental Conference on the Protection of the Wadden Sea and the 14th Trilateral Wadden Sea Governmental Council meeting in 2022			Establish MCD Drafting Group Draft MCD for national consultation	Trilateral Governmental Conference (TGC)	X
44. Hold the 15th International Scientific Wadden Sea Symposium in Germany prior to the 14th Trilateral Wadden Sea Governmental Council		Preparation of International Scientific Wadden Sea Symposium (ISWSS)	International Scientific Wadden Sea Symposium (ISWSS)		X
XX. Wadden Sea Day	WSD (CWSS)	WSD (LS)	WSD (CWSS)	WSD (LS)	